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Remarks

Claim Amendments

Due to the large number of claim amendments, for simplicity, the Applicant Cancels without prejudice Claims 1 - 21, and submits new Claims 22 - 25.

New Claim 22 reflects at least one particular embodiment of Applicant's invention as originally disclosed. Basis for new Claim 22 can be found in original Claims 1, 2, 5 and 21; methods 2 and 3 from page 27; page 15, lines 5-15 (ionizing activator). No new matter is believed to be added.

Withdrawn Claims 10 through 13 are added as New Claims 26-29.

Section 102 Rejection

Claims 1-9 and 15-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,834,393 or EP 0 890 581 A1. The Applicant traverses this rejection, as the features of the amended claim 22 are not disclosed in either of these references. First, the order of addition of the components, which the Applicant has shown to be important, is not disclosed, and second, the particular mole ratio has not been disclosed in the prior art. Also, there is no clear disclosure of the "Group 15" catalyst component as claimed. Thus, the Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

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It is submitted that the case is in condition for allowance. The Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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